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## Everybody Come to the Lyceum Sunday Night

A mass meeting of citizens and Union Services of Churches will be held at the Lyceum Theatre Sunday night, January 2nd. There will also be a Band concert. The meeting will be devoted to the cause of Prohibition. Come out and hear for yourself just WHY from an ECONOMIC stand point prohibition is better for Clovis, better for the merchant, markets, newspaper men and every citizen and property owner in Clovis. Hear why it will enhance the value of property instead of decreasing as is the howl of the saloon man and up keeper of everything that is for the down fall of our city, county and state. Hear why and just how WHISKEY produces, insanity, crime, and degenerates all over our country. It will be told from actual figures that for every dollar put in the county treasure there is two dollars gone out expended to punish those who committed crime being under the influence of liquor.

Don't forget the Place and Date, January, 2nd 1916.

## To the Public

This is to notify you that my wife, Mrs. H. N. Badders, has left my bed and board and from this date on I will not be responsible for any debts she may contract.

Harry N. Badders.

## Oh! What a Change!

One hundred years ago today. When wilderness was here. With powder in his gun, the man Went out and got a deer. But now the thing has changed— And on another plan, With powder on her cheeks, The "deer" goes out and gets the man.

## Episcopal Church

(Rev. D. A. Sanford, Pastor)  
Sunday School at 9:45 a. m.  
Morning service with sermon at 11 a. m. Subject: "Life in the New Year." No night service. A cordial invitation to all to attend.

## Simpson's Grocery

### Changes Hands

H. D. Reeves, who recently sold his interest in the Star Market, has purchased the Simpson Grocery in West Clovis. W. H. Simpson retiring. Mr. Reeves is an energetic up-to-date business man and needs no recommendation. The News wishes him success in his new venture.

## Judge McFie on the

### Liquor Question

Judge McFie cited an instance in his legal career which served as a lesson that was as strong as anything one could have cared to hear as an argument in favor of the total abolition of the liquor traffic. He told of the funeral of a brilliant lawyer which he attended who had died of delirium tremens. He told of some half a dozen lawyers who attended as pall bearers and of their having to stop at a thirst parlor and get a drink on the way home from the funeral, and the end of each of them being similar to that of their fellow-attorney, whom they had laid to rest. The story emphasized the fact that with the lesson before them they profited not, but might have died sober and successful men if the traffic had not existed.

## Just About Folks

(By Journalist)

### A TENDERFOOT FARMER

Rev. C. J. Quante, as we understand, is a city bred man who could not resist the lure of the "back to the farm" call, hence came to within two and a half miles of Clovis some few years back and acquired 320 acres of mighty good land.

He laid aside the Prince Albert coat, the high standing collar and white neck tie, and donned the garments more befitting the high calling of a gentleman farmer.

Succeeded? He has glorious ly succeeded. Why, man, this city bred-tender-foot-farmer last year cultivated, with his own hands, 180 acres. He thinks the 100 acres on his "home place" will average 40 bushels of grain, to the acre. He has from 35,000 to 40,000 bundles of grain, not to mention the headed stuff and other forage. He has his chickens, cows, hogs, horses and—oh well, Mr. Quante is really living and really enjoying life since he got on one of Curry county's choice farms.

### A WISE PREACHER

Some folks say that a preacher has less financial sense than anybody outside of the insane asylum. Personally I do not believe a word of it. I have noticed that a preacher can make a dollar go farther and get along on less than any man, save perhaps, the fellow who does without everything that he needs until he just has to have it then wont get it! The preacher to whom reference is here made, is Rev. Rogers, a Methodist circuit rider, residing near Grady. He is a hard, conscientious worker. Preaches several times each Sunday, with a few mid-week appointments pitched in for good measure. For this he receives but little, so far as dollars and cents go. Mr. Rogers is a large man, and the chickens fade away before him like the mist before the morning sun. He must get a support, his family must be supported and this wise preacher knows that there is no way to financial ease, in this country, than the live stock way. He also knows that there is nothing that will interfere less with his ministerial duties, consequently he recently purchased a quarter of a hundred head of those choice Hereford heifers from Messrs. Dunn and Harrison. Where did this preacher get the money? Never mind that. Rev. Rogers came by those cattle honorably, otherwise he would not have them.

### HERE TO STAY

Eight years ago J. W. Bynum, one of our best citizens and most substantial stock farmers, settled on a mighty good farm about four miles from this city, and every year he has made good. He has some real good Durham cattle, some choice Duroc Jersey hogs, some extra good Rhode Island red chickens, a few good horses, feed galore, and he and his good lady, while both have crossed over the meridian of life's fitful journey, are enjoying the best of health, and their appetites are distressingly good! I was not at all surprised to hear this good man say, "We are here to stay."

### A BORN WORKER

It is said that poets are born, not made. That seems to be true of some men in other re-

## DEATH OF A YEAR OF DEATH

Since the time of the third century Christmas has been celebrated as a day of joy in honor of the birth of Christ, our only perfect man.

It has ever been our policy to speak of Christmas in tones of gentleness, and love, and compassion, and humanity; in words of praise and thankfulness for the blessings of the year that would soon pass into history.

Now we approach the glorious Christmas day with feelings of sorrow, and sadness, and regret, for we are soon to witness the death of a year of death.

Today, when we should revel in the joy of living, we are consumed with compassion for our brothers who are perishing in the blood soaked trenches of Europe.

We are weighed down with sorrow for the unfortunate women and children who must bear the burdens of the greatest and most destructive human blight the world has ever known.

Our hearts are saddened with regret that the meek and gentle spirit of the Nazarine is forgotten in a wild and bloody carnage of death and destruction.

Nineteen hundred and fifteen, a year of death, will soon reach its own fitting end—in death.

There comes a time in the life of every person when neither tongue nor pen can express the language of the heart.

It is so with us as we write of this Christmas day. The loss of our dear father has brought us greater grief than we ever before experienced.

Our face should be turned toward the Christ, yet in our vision we see the crimson stained fields of Europe, the famine ridden land of Mexico, the dying race of the Christian Armenians, on every hand the grim and terrible spectre of harsh, violent, sudden and agonizing death.

Death of a year of death! Farewell, 1915! May we never see your like again!

## First Methodist Church

January 2nd.

Subject for the evening service, "Making of Good Resolutions." Subject at the evening service, "The Flight Of Time." A cordial invitation to all.

J. H. Messer.

## Sifford--Humphry

A very pretty wedding occurred at the home of Robt. P. Humphry, 3 miles east of town, Friday evening, December 24th, when Miss Magdeline Humphry and E. B. Sifford, of Cuervo were united in marriage by Rev. Jeremiah Moore.

Miss Humphry is one of Clovis' most charming young ladies, here she has grown to womanhood, having graduated from the Clovis High School last year. She has a host of warm friends who wish her well in her new found happiness.

Mr. Sifford is well known in Clovis, being formerly employed as clerk in Supt. Evan's office, and is a young man of sterling qualities, whose brilliant future is predicted by those who know him. Mr. and Mrs. Sifford left for their new home in Cuervo, where Mr. Sifford is employed with the Santa Fe. The good wishes of the entire community go with the estimable young couple.

I desire to thank the people of Clovis, the Elks' Lodge and the churches and everyone for their Christmas offerings, which were greatly appreciated.

J. W. Davenport.

spects. Some appear to be born workers, while others can't even be made to work. B. F. Snell belongs to the former class. He is a born worker and, as is true of all such in this section, he is delivering the goods. He has a choice farm and ranch, a good bunch of cattle, horses, Duroc Jersey hogs and Plymouth Rock chickens. Mr. Snell is contented, happy and prosperous. You can be too, if you will come to Curry county and work, mixing brains with muscle.

## New Live Stock Methods.

A. M. HOVE.

Raising and handling cattle on the range and in pasture in New Mexico is being done differently than formerly and the change will be still greater in the next year or two. Cattle raising is being placed in being placed on a business basis. Among the changes now coming into us may be noted the segregation of the steers and cows and heifers. In the words of a leading stockman in New Mexico, "I have learned by experience that it pays to segregate my cattle keeping all the steers in a pasture by themselves and the cows and heifers in another pasture. In handling them in this way I find less disturbance and better results generally."

"I have also discovered," he continues, "that we must dehorn all our cattle if we expect to receive the highest price for them. We use registered bulls and select the very best cows, letting the off-colored and poorer kinds go. When our calves are about ten months old we dehorn all of them. At that age the horn just starting and its removal does not cause any harm and does not disfigure the shape of the head as is the case when an animal reaches an advanced age. These changes from the old ways of handling our cattle bring their reward."

The winter care of live stock on the range and in the pastures is another change that has come just recently. The spread of agriculture out over what was for a long time considered exclusive grazing areas has helped to bring the change to winter feeding. Last season proved conclusively that the stockmen who fed their cattle and sheep through the winter on cake or farm feed, lost no stock and that when spring came their cows and ewes brought a larger and better increase.

H. Bell, the tailor, will leave for Chicago about the first of the year to purchase more misfit clothing for which he has a big demand.

## Election Proclamation

Whereas, a petition signed by electors equal and exceeding in number twenty-five percentum of the votes cast for the candidate receiving the highest number of votes at the last preceding municipal election having been filed by said electors with the City Clerk of the City of Clovis, New Mexico, on the 20th day of December, 1915 and

Whereas, said petition was duly presented to the Mayor and City Council of said City in regular session on the 20th day of December, 1915, and thereupon it was found that said petition was sufficient and contained the number of signers of electors in said city as required by law, and upon motion duly made, said council unanimously voted to call a Special Election to be held in the City of Clovis on the 31st day of January 1916, to determine whether or not the barter, sale and exchange of intoxicating liquors shall be prohibited in said City.

Now Therefore, I, Cash Ramey, Mayor of the City of Clovis New Mexico, do hereby issue this proclamation calling for a Special Election to be held in the City of Clovis on the 31st day of January 1916, to determine whether or not the barter, sale or exchange of intoxicating liquors shall be prohibited in said City, the same to be held as a general city election, except as otherwise provided, and the voting places in the respective wards in said City shall be as follows:

Ward Number One; Barry Hardware Company.

Ward Number Two; C. V. Steed Undertaking Parlor.

Ward Number Three; Current Agency.

Ward Number Four; Carter Robinson Abstract Co. office.

Witness my hand at Clovis, New Mexico, this 28th day of December, 1916.

[SEAL] CASH RAMEY,  
ATTEST: Mayor.  
B. M. BRIZENDINE,  
City Clerk.

## Died

Mrs. Minnie Bench, wife of A. C. Bench, passed away at Clovis, N. M. December 27th, after a long illness of tuberculosis. The remains were shipped to their last resting place in Rogersville, Mo. Mrs. Bench, at the time of her death was 37 years of age. She leaves to mourn her loss, a husband, a daughter, Miss Elsie, and a young son. The News extends sympathy to the bereaved.

The five year old daughter of Z. N. Harvey died at the home of Mr. Green, December 28th, of tonsillitis. The little one was laid to rest in Clovis cemetery, Rev. Messer officiating. The News extends their sympathy to the bereaved parents.

## Hotel Arrivals.

Antlers arrivals, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.  
Dr. A. Edwards, Roswell; H. B. Chirn, San Rafael, Cal.; J. J. Harmer, Kansas City; R. B. Doren, Amarillo; Z. Z. Savage, Amarillo; L. G. Allen, Canyon; Pete Standifer, Amarillo; Jim Crumm and wife, Comanche, Texas; P. P. Anson, Roswell; J. H. Cosh, Winslow, Ariz.

## To The Voters and People of Clovis

I desire to make a few statements over my own signature regarding the coming election on the question of Prohibition. First I wish to say that I am a Democrat and believe in a fair square deal for everyone and in stating facts and nothing but facts regarding any issue which is to come before the public for a vote.

In the Clovis Journal date of December 23rd, 1915 this statement appears, "Revenue this year from Saloons \$5700.00 resulting in prosecutions, which cost \$8,000.00, do they pay?" This statement is absurdly incorrect. The City of Clovis did not receive in revenue for the year mentioned but \$2750.00 for liquor license. This can be verified by statement from the City Clerk's office. And the fact is the City of Clovis did not pay out one cent for prosecutions and the \$2750.00 was a net income to the City Treasury for liquor license privileges. I believe that the total amount of Court costs for all of Curry County was just about \$8000.00.

In the Clovis Journal in same issue as stated above it says: "The Journal though favoring a State wide issue rather than the disrupted local issue etc." which is in my opinion admission of the fact that it would disrupt business in Clovis.

The Journal is a most excellent paper and is owned by my friends Drs. Dillon, who are practicing physicians in the City of Clovis and enjoy a reputation of being fine Doctors and Surgeons and they write PRESCRIPTIONS.

The statements referred to above which appeared in the Clovis Journal of December 23rd, 1915 are sure to mislead some voter and so the Public may know the exact conditions of our city I will give you the facts as near as possible. The City of Clovis raised last year by direct tax levy \$8500.00. The income from liquor license was \$2750.00 which was part of this item. Other occupation licenses \$2400.00, making a total of \$13650.00, which amount of money paid all expenses of running the City. However we are not taking into account the earnings and expenditures of the City Light and Water Plant. The \$2750.00 raised by the City by the liquor license is approximately one-fifth of the total amount of money raised by direct taxation. IF YOU VOTE THE SALOONS OUT YOU MAY EXPECT YOUR CITY TAXES TO BE ONE-FIFTH HIGHER.

As a Moral City and a good town to live in I do not believe that there is another town of Five Thousand population in the United States that can equal Clovis' reputation as a good, clean, moral city. Clovis has had at least One Thousand people come to make their future home in the last year or so and if the liquor establishments make Clovis such a bad place as some would make out, why then Dear friend did these people come to Clovis? Our Prohibition friends, who would ask you to make Clovis a Dry town no doubt have an object in view and I dare say in nine cases out of ten it is a money consideration, and already the Managers of the Prohibition campaign are putting out absurdly incorrect statements.

Don't be deceived on the issue in question and I am appealing to your better judgment.

CASH RAMEY.

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